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DDR Cabinet Meeting on
24 April 1952

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1. The agenda of subject meeting was scheduled as follows:

a. Decision concerning measures for ensuring the fulfillment of the 1952 People's Economic Plan
Reporter: Heinrich RAU, Minister

b. Directive concerning the import procedure for foreign and German trade
Reporter: Minister HANDKE

c. Directive for regulating the power supply
Reporter: State Secretary FLITSCHE

d. Decision concerning changes in the plan of general repairs in the 1952 People's Economic Plan
Reporter: RAU

e. Decision concerning appropriations
Reporter: RAU

f. Decision concerning the creation of a "Central Office of the Savings Associations"
Reporter: Minister LOCH

g. Decision concerning an appropriation for "Lausitzer Wirtschaftsbank e. GmbH BAUTZEN"
Reporter: LOCH

h. Decision concerning granting of a credit for the "Bauerlichen Handelsgenossenschaften" in Land Mecklenburg
Reporter: LOCH

1. Decision concerning the covering of the unforeseen losses of the nationalized enterprises of the Ministry for Smelting

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and Mining in 1951
Reporter: Minister SELDMANN

- j. (1) Status of the German Institute for Legal Science
(2) Appointment of Board of Trustees
(3) Appropriation of funds for the German Institute for Legal Science
Reporter: Minister FROHNER

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- k. Decision concerning the appropriation of funds from the budget reserve for repair of damage to new farmers' farm premises (Neubauernehoeften)
Reporter: Minister BOLZ

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1. Miscellaneous, appointments, etc.

2.

Points of interest

are as follows:

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a.

measures to be taken by various Ministries and State Secretariats and their subordinate units in ensuring that the 1952 People's Economic Plan is fulfilled. Some of the more important points are listed below:

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- (1) Main Administration Coal: The "Grosskokerei LAUCHHAMMER" is to be speedily put into operation. The first basic unit is to go into operation by 1 May 1952 and the second by 1 June 1952.
- (2) Main Administration Power: All contracts for construction work must be signed with the firms concerned by 1 May 1952. The beginning of the construction of the Power Plants FUERSTENBERG and CALBE must be so arranged that no interference with the production of pig iron and steel is made.
- (3) State Secretariat for Coal and Power: A power saving action must be begun with the goal of saving 7 per cent of the present output.

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- (4) State Secretariat for Coal and Power: A plan must be prepared by 15 May 1952 for the repair of the turbines and generators presently out of commission.
- (5) Ministry for Mining and Smelting: A commission must be appointed to work out an exact program for ensuring that the main tasks in the metallurgy program are carried out. Some of these tasks are:
- (a) In carrying out the measures for the "Eisenhuettenkombinat Ost" the proposals made by the Soviet specialists working in the plant as regards the completion of the Blast Furnaces 3 and 4 will be realized.
 - (b) The shortening of suspense dates for the completion of the "850er strasse Brandenburg," whose individual parts will be produced in "Thaelmann-Werk" and WILDAU, the "650er Strasse" for DOEHLLEN, that will be produced in WILDAU [redacted] The planning of the "1050er Halbzeugstrasse" for BRANDENBURG is to be speeded up. (Note: These "strassen" are steel rolling mills.)
 - (6) Ministry for Mining and Smelting: The enlarging of the "Eisenwerk West (CALBE)" is to be organized so that suspense dates for construction of "Niederschachtofen 3-10" are met and the production of 70,000 German tons of raw foundry iron is guaranteed.
 - (7) Main Administration Chemistry:
 - (a) The soda factory in BERNBURG is to be rebuilt so that a daily production of 300 tons can be reached by 1 September 1952.
 - (b) An enlargement of the boiler facilities at the "VEB Elektrochemisches Werk AMMENDORF" is to be accomplished by 30 June 1952 in order to increase caustic sodium hydrate production.
 - (c) The "Russwerkes ORANIENBURG" is to be completed by 30 June 1952 in order to assure the tire industry of a supply of soot.

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- (d) A carbide furnace is to be built in "VMB Elektrochemie HIRSCHFELDE" to begin production in the fourth quarter of 1952.
- (e) Production of "Theophyllin, Antipyrin, Streptomycin, Morphium" derivatives as "Dicodid und Dilandid, und Roentgenkontrastmittel Uroselectan und Biliselectan" is to begin.
- (f) The gelatine producing industry must arrange so that no import of photography gelatine is necessary in 1953.
- (8) Main Administration Non-Metallic Minerals:
- (a) The failure to meet production quotas in the Cement Factories FUERSTENBERG, RUDERSDORF, and UNTERWELLENBOHN was caused by delayed machine deliveries, but these quotas must be made up.
- (b) The failure to meet production quotas of fire clay in January and February 1952 must be made up before the end of 1952.
- (c) The construction of the Silica Factory BAD LAUSICK and the Magnetic Iron Ore Factory AKEN is to be speeded up so that they are producing by 1 January 1953.
- (9) Ministry for Machine Construction:
- (a) ZILLER is obligated to work out a special plan for material where a shortage exists (boiler tin, pipe) in conjunction with the Ministry for Foreign Trade and the State Secretariat for Procurement.
- (b) The forging capacity is to be enlarged. The "Grossschmiede" in GROEDITZ is to be enlarged and the 6,000-ton press needed is to be obtained in co-operation with the CSR.
- (c) Generaldirektion Schiffahrt is to produce the first three "Type I" ocean going trade ships by 1953. In order to do this it is necessary to have the ship building cranes (Hellingkabel-Krananlagen) completed in the WISMAR and WARNEMUENDE works by 1 August 1952.

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- (d) In order to enlarge the capacity for production of transformers, the preliminary work for the construction of a new factory must be begun in 1952.
- (10) Main Administration Wood and Cultural Goods: In order to assure a supply of heat insulating plates for ship building and other industries, the factory in GURKOW by ROSTOCK is to be enlarged to produce 330,000 square meters per year.
- (11) Ministry for Traffic:
- (a) General Management Railroads has following construction tasks: second tracks GUBEN-FALKENBERG, ELSTERWERDA-RUHLAND, SCHOENEBECK-CALBE, JUETENBOG-GROSSBEEREN, DRESDEN-SCHOENAU; new track "Geiseltalbahn"; railroad bridge FRANKFURT/Oder; railroad bridge KUESTRIN.
- (b) General Management Street Affairs has following construction tasks: reconstruction of the bridge by FRANKFURT/Oder on "Fernverkehrsstrasse 5"; extension of the Autobahn FRANKFURT/Oder II including overpasses and a bridge over the Oder River.
- (c) General Management Ship Traffic must enlarge facilities of the port WISMAR.

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c. [redacted] in view of the constantly increasing power needs of the GDR because of its "peace economy" measures must be taken to ensure power for industry. [redacted]

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d. [redacted] appropriations for covering "unforeseen losses" of the smelting works in the GDR in 1951. The cabinet had previously granted 30,117,900 DEM on 15 November 1951 to help in covering these losses, but an additional 5,323,700 DEM is to be granted as the total losses were 35,441,600 DEM. [redacted]

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